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Ha! ha! Now it's the wild and woolly East! The scene of the gun-fighter's exploits appear to be transferred to New York. One gambler shooting another dead on Thanksgiving night at the scurrying feet of the crowd leaving the Herald Square theater—"pistoling" his man, the New York newspapers call it. Even Chinamen getting wild and woolly, and two gangs of them, wearing shirts of mail, using hatchets, dirks and big revolvers on one another on the Bowery! People dodging bullets in the streets of New York fleeing for their lives into doorways, etc., just like the scenes described in the dime novels about the wild and woolly West! We will hear about cars being shot up in the subway, next!—Denver Post.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

No man of education and refinement could write 30,000 words on public questions without saying some very good things, and also some utterly useless things.

If there is anything in which President Roosevelt takes especial pride, it is in being voluminous—in showing his words in continuous and often beautiful downpours.

The message delivered to congress today is Rooseveltian, through and through. The germ of many of the subjects may be borrowed—but the language in which it is clothed, never. Frank P. Sargent may have suggested the thought of the employer's liability act, and the investigation of railway accidents, but Roosevelt has an individual, vigorous, judicial style by which Sargent's suggestions are clothed in clear-cut sentences that hit the mark, with the rapidity and precision of a Japanese gunner.

Cortelyou may have assisted in outlining the policy of the administration toward corporations, but Cortelyou is lost in the Rooseveltian directness and plain spoken simplicity of the president's recommendation. One remarkable feature of the president's message is that he has a happy facility of filling in with beautiful rhetoric the places where it might be dangerous and embarrassing to use cold facts.

Much of his policy of dealing with the trusts, the task in which his first administration has utterly failed, is written for sound, and not for real action. What it lacks in practical and bona fide suggestions for checking the trust, it makes up in thunderous empty sentences, which stir patriotism and appeal to the emotions of the masses.

He repeats, with Rooseveltian ardor, the stock policies of his party, under which 1400 illegal combinations of capital are now robbing the American people and amassing fortunes beyond computation, from inflated stock, fictitious values and profits on non-existing investments.

Irrigation he passes over lightly, perhaps feeling the least bit rebuked because his zealous partisan friends have unjustly attributed to him the lifelong work of Senators Newlands, Stewart and other democrats, as represented in the national irrigation law, a measure formulated and passed by democrats, yet which has been designated as Roosevelt's chief accomplishment.

Forestry he treats in a magnificent manner. He urges the preservation of the splendid timber areas, for the purpose of protecting the sources of water needed in irrigation and for the use of future settlers who must yet reclaim the Western wildernesses. Every citizen interested in the future of this country will cheerfully commend the president's ultimate plans for the preservation of forests. Many will not agree with the means to be used in the actual details of the forest reserve.

His recommendation that the American consular service be improved is a brave and timely suggestion. England owes her widespread commercial

supremacy to the trained agents of the English government sent to the different quarters of the world.

The United States has used the consular service, largely as a dumping ground for worn-out and otherwise useless politicians. Not one in 10 of them is familiar with the language, customs nor needs of the country to which he is sent, and they are consequently like wooden men in competing with the trained diplomats of other civilized countries.

The United States should appoint consuls in competitive examinations, after first carefully prescribing the highest educational and practical qualifications. This vital branch of the government should be beyond the prostitution of the party boss. Efficiency and good behavior should be the basis of all tenures in the consular service.

TO SEE THE WEST.

The visitors to the Lewis and Clark fair will not see the west on their through tickets from the east, although those tickets may be honey-combed with stopover privileges. Half of the people who buy stopover tickets will not know where to stop off to best see the country, and will consequently go direct to Portland.

Then the desire to see the country will arise. They will touch shoulders with the residents of different localities. They will look upon the exhibits from the various counties of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and they will be seized with a longing to go to the fields and orchards where those magnificent products were grown, and then it will be that the visitors will actually see the country.

It may seem incongruous to say that excursions should be run out of Portland, during the fair, while all efforts are centered on running excursions into Portland, but that is the only means by which the tourists and visitors can be enabled to see the country districts, where they may locate and become parts of the north-west.

In order to accomplish this result, the East Oregonian urges upon railroads centering in Portland, a series of country excursions, on fixed dates, to all the cities in the inland Empire, giving sufficient advance notice of the dates to enable the points designated to prepare for the reception of the visitors.

In this list might be included a "Spokane Day," "Coifax Day," "Walla Walla Day," "Pendleton Day," "Milton Day," "La Grande Day," "Baker City Day," and many other dates on which various cities could be visited by excursions.

This would be one of the most refreshing features of the fair. The easterners who would soon tire of the fair and the immediate surroundings of Portland, would thus be given a chance to see the people of the west in their homes, and those who do not intend to locate will go home with a better understanding of the west, than if they had simply studied the west on "The Trail," or in the crowds of the metropolis.

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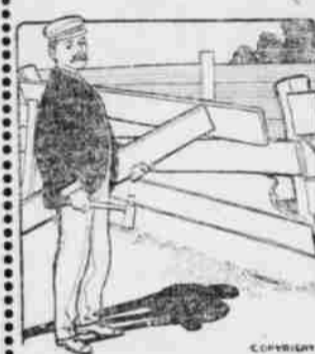
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